iv. Investigations into filariasis.

v. Appointment of an Educational officer for health propaganda work.

vi. Payment of scholarship to one of the two officers deputed for public health training in America (the expenses of the other being met by the Rockefeller Foundation.)

23. The budget of the Sanitary department makes provision for opening six new conservancy stations in 1105. This is in addition to seven such stations opened in the years 1103 and 1104. In the Ayurveda Department, the scheme of giving grant-in-aid to 120 Vaidyasalas in a period of 10 years was completely worked out last year. In view of the increasing demand for Vaidyasalas, provision is made in the next year's Budget for the award of grants to 5 more Vaidyasalas.

24. *Registration and Anchal Departments.* Lump sum provisions of Rs. ·25 of a lakh and Rs. ·20 of a lakh respectively were made in the current year's Budget for the revision of pay of the clerical and other subordinate staff in these departments. But it was not possible to decide the details of the revisions and to give effect to them during the current year itself. They have now been decided upon and the necessary detailed provision has been made in the Budget for 1105. Besides providing for the continuance of the existing 13 temporary Sub-Registry offices, 3 more temporary offices are also proposed to be opened from the beginning of the next year in order to relieve the congestion in some of the overworked offices.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE NOT CHARGED TO REVENUE.

25. *Railways.* The allotment provided for 1105 is Rs. 10·73 lakhs distributed as below:

Quilon-Trivandrum Railway	...	·80
Chackay-Tampanur Extension	...	9·50
Establishment and Surveys	...	·36
Special Land Acquisition Officer (for 5 months).		·07
Total	...	10·73

The cost of the Chackay-Tampanur Extension as per the sanctioned estimate is Rs. 19·15 lakhs. Rs. ·45 of a lakh was spent on the work in 1103. The budget estimate for 1104 was Rs. 14·21 lakhs. The revised estimate is however only Rs. 9·20 lakhs. As much progress on the works has not been made during the year, as anticipated, owing to delay in the settlement of contracts and to the handing over of the lands. The lands have now been almost completely handed over and awards to the extent of Rs. 5·20 lakhs are expected to be paid this year. The amount required for the completion of the work *viz.*, Rs. 9·50 lakhs is provided for 1105 and it is hoped that the work will be completed by the end of the year.

26. *Trivandrum Water Works.*—The estimated cost of the scheme is Rs. 46·22 lakhs for immediate execution inclusive of the expenditure on establishment and tools and plant and Rs. 52·59 lakhs when the

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scheme is fully worked out. All works, up to the point where the distribution system in the Town commences, such as, the Aruvikarai dam and head-works, the settling tank, the Gravitation (supply) Main from Aruvikarai to Trivandrum, the Filter Plant, the Service Reservoirs and the pumping plant, cost Rs. 31·10 lakhs. The Town Distribution system is estimated to cost Rs. 21·49 lakhs ultimately. Out of this, it is now proposed to carry out works to the extent of only Rs. 15·12 lakhs. The balance of the works costing Rs. 6·37 lakhs required for the outlying parts of the water supply Town, such as Koravankonam and the like which are at present comparatively thinly populated is proposed to be taken up a few years hence. It is reported that 3,000 out of the 3,600 cast iron pipes and specials for the gravitation line are expected to be supplied before the end of the current year. All the valves and Hatch pipes required for this line have been supplied. The construction of a new road for facilitating the transport of pipes, with the metalling and necessary masonry works, has been completed. The blasting out of the foundation trench for the Dam at Aruvikarai has made good progress. The acquisition and handing over of the lands required for the Project are expected to be completed soon. For the next year, a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs has been provided to take up the construction works simultaneously on all the constituent parts of the Project.

27. *The Trivandrum Electric Supply and Telephone Schemes.*—A provision of Rs. 2·28 lakhs is made in the next year's Budget, Rs. 1·65 lakhs for electric supply and Rs. ·63 of a lakh for telephone works. Sixteen miles out of the 26 miles, of the distribution under the electric supply scheme now sanctioned, have been erected and electric lighting of the streets, Government buildings and private houses covered by the 16 miles has been commenced. The remaining 10 miles are now under erection. It has been further proposed to extend the overhead main by 6 miles more and the above provision of Rs. 1·65 lakhs has been made for it in the Budget for 1105. Much progress has not been made so far in the installation work connected with the Telephone scheme and it is proposed to complete it only in 1105.

28. *Bridge across the Neendakara Bar.*—Out of Rs. 6 lakhs provided in the current year's Budget, nearly Rs. 1 lakh is expected to lapse. A provision of Rs. 2 lakhs is made in the next year's Budget and it is hoped that the construction of the bridge will be completed in 1105.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

29. A statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the State as at the close of 1104 and 1105 is given on page 7 of the Budget Estimates. According to the final accounts of 1103 our booked assets stood at Rs. 339·80 lakhs and the liabilities at Rs. 176·20 lakhs. At the close of 1104, the assets are expected to amount to Rs. 354·88 lakhs and the liabilities to Rs. 193·50 lakhs. The Sinking Funds created for the

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